REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this case. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13 and 15-17 have been rejected. Claims 2, 5 and 14 have been objected to. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13 and 15-17 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 5 and 14 have been amended to include the limitations of the base claims. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Decker. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13 and 15-17 have been removed from consideration rendering this rejection moot.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2, 5 and 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 5 and 14 have been amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

All claims now in the application are deemed patentably distinguishable over the art applied and noted, but not relied upon. Accordingly, allowance of the application is solicited.

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